

Listing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions in the application:

1 through 10. (Canceled)

11. (New) A collapsible container with a neck and an opening in the neck and closure therefore, the closure comprising:

an outer cap portion with a top wall and depending skirt portion to receive the neck of the collapsible container and at least one vent opening therein; and

an inner float seal portion located within the outer cap portion, the inner float seal portion including a downwardly extending bowl portion extending across the opening of the collapsible container, an edge seal portion to seal the inner float seal portion to the outer cap portion and a shoulder seal located on the downwardly extending bowl portion spaced inwardly from the edge seal portion and to seal the inner float seal portion to the opening, the inner float seal portion attached to the outer cap portion, but movable in relation thereto;

wherein, in use, the closure is attached to the collapsible container and the collapsible container is forcibly collapsed, driving any air within the collapsible container out between the edge seal portion and the outer cap portion to escape through the at least one vent opening to outside the closure, further depression of the collapsible container forcing material within the collapsible container to urge the downwardly extending bowl portion upwardly and the edge seal portion against the outer cap portion preventing the material from escaping, releasing the collapsible container creating a vacuum effect which draws of the inner float seal portion toward the collapsible container and the shoulder seal to seal against the opening whereupon the outer cap portion can be tightened to the collapsible container, holding the shoulder seal against the opening and the edge seal portion against the outer cap portion, forming a double seal.

12. (New) A closure for a container having a neck with an opening, the closure comprising:

an outer cap portion with a top wall and depending skirt portion to receive the neck of the container and at least one vent opening therein; and

an inner float seal portion located within the outer cap portion, the inner float seal portion including a downwardly extending bowl portion extending across the opening of the container, an edge seal portion to seal the inner float seal portion to the outer cap portion and a shoulder seal located on the downwardly extending bowl portion to seal the inner float seal portion to the opening, spaced inwardly from the edge seal portion, the inner float seal portion attached to the outer cap portion, but movable in relation thereto;

wherein, in use, the closure is attached to the container and the container is forcibly collapsed, driving any air within the container out between the edge seal portion and the outer cap portion to escape through the at least one vent opening to outside the closure, further depression of the container forcing material within the container to urge the downwardly extending bowl portion upwardly and the edge seal portion against the outer cap portion preventing the material from escaping, releasing the container creating a vacuum effect which draws of the inner float seal portion toward the container and the shoulder seal to seal against the opening whereupon the outer cap portion can be tightened to the container, holding the shoulder seal against the opening and the edge seal portion against the outer cap portion, forming a double seal.

13. (New) The closure according to claim 12, further comprising biasing means to bias the inner float seal portion into the container when the closure is attached to the container.

14. (New) The closure as claimed in claim 12, wherein the edge seal portion is semi spherical, cone, disk or spherical in shape to seal off flow of the material within the container when all air is evacuated from the container.

15. (New) The closure as claimed in claim 12, wherein the edge seal portion is resilient to provide a seal upon an inner surface of the outer cap portion.

16. (New) The closure as claimed in claim 12, wherein the depending skirt portion of the outer cap portion includes an internal thread to match an external thread provided on a neck portion of the container.
17. (New) The closure as claimed in claim 12, wherein the outer cap portion is provided with at least one opening functioning as an air bleed facility when the container is collapsed.
18. (New) The closure as claimed in claim 17, further comprising a plurality of flutes provided on an inner wall of the outer cap portion to prevent escape of material from the container.
19. (New) The closure as claimed in claim 12, further comprising indicia on the outer cap portion to indicate venting and sealing positions of the closure.
20. (New) The closure according to claim 11, further comprising indicia on the outer cap portion and corresponding indicia on the container to indicate venting and sealing positions of the closure when the indicia are aligned.
21. (New) The closure as claimed in claim 13, further comprising a seat for positioning of the biasing means.